

### 3.2 Clarification by Deputy Secretary, Ministry of HRD

- The issue relating to allocation of seats in the field of agriculture and allied sciences is under examination of the Technical Division of the Ministry and its report is expected shortly.
- Regarding increase in the number of seats for Engineering under REC from 24 to 40, he stated that the same is under active consideration and there is a likelihood of increasing the number of seats to 35.

### AGENDA NO.4

#### Democratic Decentralisation:

Since this issue was discussed in the DPC meeting the same was not taken up during the HAMC meeting.

#### 4.1 Issues raised during DPC meeting:

- Delegation of powers of appointing and disciplinary authority in respect of Group 'C' & 'd' in respect of Zilla Parishad to CEO
- Delegation of financial powers of the level of HODs to the CEO of the Zilla Parishad.
- Increase in the pay scale of CEO.
- Putting into the effect the notifications of devolution of powers to PRIs issued in 1995 by the A&N Administration.
- Transfer of staff and funds to Zilla Parishad for areas for which the Zilla Parishad has been empowered to prepare plans and implement the same under the notification issued in 1995.
- Provision of Local Area Development Schemes for the Members of Zilla Parishad and Municipal Council on the pattern of MP Local Area Development Fund.
- Increase in allocation of funds to PRIs and Municipal Council.

#### 4.2 Other suggestions made:

- Dr. P.D.Shenoy, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs emphasized the need for transfer of funds, staff and power to PRIs. He also suggested that a team of 10